



## MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 362

### Commanding Officer's Safety Policy Statement



#### **I NEED YOU IN THE FIGHT!**

Mission accomplishment is our number one priority; however, we cannot accomplish the mission if we needlessly jeopardize the lives of our Marines or the warfighting assets entrusted to us. Therefore, the preservation of those lives and assets must be foremost in our minds at all times. Whether it is training, maintenance or recreation, we must keep in mind that our Marines are the most precious of our resources.

#### **TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY!**

Marines are in the profession of arms and it is truly a noble, but dangerous calling. This is why we must live the creed of professional excellence. We are Marines 24/7/365, not just at work or in uniform, BUT ALWAYS! Professional excellence applies on and off duty. If we live by the motto of professional excellence, safety is always an integral factor: safe flight operations, safe maintenance actions, and safe off duty activities. It doesn't mean we can't relax off duty; it does mean, ALWAYS stop to think before we act, plan for the worst, and intervene when things are going wrong. Leadership and accountability are the keys. Hold yourself and others accountable. Don't break the rules. Don't use shortcuts. Don't let others do so when you know they are jeopardizing themselves and others. STEP UP TO THE PLATE!

#### **OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT IS COMMON SENSE!**

Operational Risk Management (ORM) is simply structured common sense. Professional excellence demands the use of ORM. We will aggressively manage risk in our activities by complying with established policies and procedures and executing sound judgment. Following procedures to complete a maintenance action safely and smartly is ORM. Arranging for a designated driver to enjoy a Friday night out safely and smartly is ORM. The senseless loss of a Marine is the ultimate win for the bad guys...NO FIGHT REQUIRED! Don't let it happen.

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